

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB BULLETIN

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The Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club is a club suitable to young and old, beginner and expert. Our aim is to encourage the study of all forms of natural history and to increase knowledge and awareness; we also offer a supportive voice in conservation areas. Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month except January in St James Hall, Rupert St, New Town at 8 pm. Outings are held the following weekend; all meet at the Prince Theatre on the specified day and time. The Club's address is GPO Box 68A, Hobart, 7001.

FORWARD PROGRAMME.

AUGUST. Thursday, August 4th. Mr LE Wall, one of our life members, will be speaking on Birds of Tasmanian Pine Forests. Mr Wall is extremely well known in ornithological circles.

Saturday, August 6th. Mr Wall will lead an outing to the pine forests of Seven Mile Beach. Meet at Prince Theatre at 10 am.

SEPTEMBER. Thursday, September 1st. Dr Colquhoun of the Geography Dept will speak about Looking at Landforms and Fossil Plants for studying Past Climate. Sunday, Sep 4th. Meet at 10 am outside Prince Theatre for outing. Location to be advised.

OCTOBER. Thursday, October 6 and Saturday, October 8th. Our hardworking Secretary has been unable as yet to find a speaker for October. We will advise you at the earlier Meetings.

Here are the names of some of our executive, should you need to contact them on any matter.

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                                 (as above)

MR ALAN HEWER, as mentioned in our last Newsletter, has become our most recent life member. Here is a note about him prepared by Mrs M. Wall.

At the May Meeting Alan Hewer was made an Honorary Life Member of the Field Naturalists' Club, on the recommendation of the Committee.

Alan joined the Club when there was a Junior Branch at the Hutchins School and as an adult on 1947. He was elected Honorary Secretary in 1949 and later served the Club in the other positions on the Executive.

He has given many interesting talks on his varied interests of Natural History - especially frogs, lizards and butterflies - which he has illustrated so well with slides from his large collection. He is a most popular leader on Club outings as he has such a wealth of knowledge to pass on to members.

Congratulations Alan - keep up the good work.

BACK ISSUES OF THE TASMANIAN NATURALIST. In reply to a query from members, back issues will be sold to members desiring them for a cost of 50c each plus postage. Where only ten or less copies of an issue remain, members may pay duplicating costs.

NEW EDITOR. As you can see, this is the first Tasmanian Naturalist edited by Dr DA Ratkowsky. Members are solicited to send him articles at his work address, c/- CSIRO, Stowell Ave., Battery Point.

FEDERATION OF FIELD NATURALISTS AGM. Our Club is hosting the AGM this October. It will be held at the University's camp at Koonya, on the Tasman Peninsula. Excess overnight accommodation will be offered to members, otherwise members are invited to come down for the day... Sat 1st or Sun 2nd.

OUTING in June was to Blackmans Bay, led by Mrs Turner of the Tasmanian Museum. Members were pleased to see many of the Sea Hares (*Aplysia Hyalina*), up on the rocks to breed. We also found several sea-stars including the eleven armed sea star and the two biscuit stars. Members were surprised at the wide variety of life in the foreshore area.

QUESTIONNAIRE. After the poor response to our last questionnaire, members are urged to please assist the Committee by completing this questionnaire and handing it in to the Secretary (may also be answered on a blank sheet of paper).

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PLACE OF MEETINGS.

Do you favour having meetings held at

1. St James Church .....
  2. Southern Tasmanian Teachers Centre .....
  3. Any Other.....
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TIME OF MEETINGS.

Do you prefer meetings on

1. Thursday nights (1st Thurs) .....
2. Tuesday nights (3rd Tues) .....
3. Any Other.....